

# Resources for Teaching the For Life Message

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## Creation/You are Special---Books

- Walker, Joni. *Jesus Loves Me*. St. Louis: CPH, 2006. (Jesus loves me whether I have brown hair, blue eyes, etc.) Gr PK-1.
- Hollingsworth, Mary. *Tall Body, Short Body, Everybody's Somebody*. St. Louis: CPH, 2000. (Same premise as above.) Gr PK-2.
- Suess, Dr. *Horton Hears a Who!* NY: Random House, 1954. Gr 1-3
- Suess, Dr. *Horton Hatches the Egg*. NY: Random House, 1968. Gr 1-3
- Andrae, Giles. *There's a House Inside My Mommy*. Morton Grove, IL: A Whitman, 2002. (A new baby is coming.) Gr PK-3.
- Lucado, Max. *You Are Special*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 1997. Gr 1-2.
- Lucado, Max. *Because I Love You*. Wheaton, IL: Crossways Books, 1998. (A caring man's efforts to protect a curious boy from danger teaches of God's loving purpose.) Gr 1-2.
- Lucado, Max. *Best of All*. Wheaton, IL: Crossways Books, 2003. (Special because the Maker made you!) Gr 1-2.
- Lucado, Max. *He Chose You: Adapted from He Chose Nails*. (God chose you to be saved.) Gr 6-10.
- Suess, Dr. *The Lorax*. NY: Random House, 1971. (Take care of God's creation.) Gr 1-4.
- McEwen, James. *Westley, The Big Truck*. Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 2006. (Creation---the Great Designer.) Gr K-4.
- Nilsson, Lennart. *A Child is Born: New Photographs of Life Before Birth and Up-to-Date Advice for Expectant Parents*. NY: Delacorte, 1987. Pictures for all ages.
- Nilsson, Lennart. *Life*. NY: Abrams, 2006. (Pictures of living human embryos though gestation, birth and beyond.) All ages.
- Andersen, Hans Christian. *The Ugly Duckling*. Various versions. Gr PK-4.
- Books about anatomy.
- "Growing" books, such as:
- Keats, Ezra Jack. *Peter's Chair*. USA: Harper Trophy, 1967. (A new baby arrives and Peter has grown.) Gr PK-2.
- Bridwell, Norman. *The Story of Clifford*. Publications, Inc, 1989. (Clifford grows up.) Gr PK-2.
- Lowry, Lois. *The Silent Boy*. NY: Houghton Mifflin/Walter/Lorraine Books, 2003. (Author subtly shows consequences of unwed pregnancy on Mom and others.) Gr 4-6.

## Adoption---Books

- Kasza, Keiko. *A Mother for Choco*. NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1992. (A little bird goes looking for his mother.) Gr PK-2.
- Chapman, Mary Beth and Steven Curtis. *Shaoey and Dot: Bug Meets Bundle*. Nashville, TN: Tommy Nelson, 2004. (Story inspired by the adoption of 3 little girls from China by the Chapmans.) Gr PK-2.
- Gray, Kes. *Our Twitchy*. NY: H. Holt, 2003. (Families do come in all sizes, colors---and even species!) Gr PK-2.
- dePaola, Tomie. *A New Barker in the House*. NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2002. (Story of international adoption. The characters are dogs!) Gr PK-2.
- McKay, Hilary. *Saffy's Angel*. NY: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2002. (A girl learns she is actually

- the Italian-born daughter of her supposed mother's twin.) Gr 4-7.
- Caldwell, V. M. *The Ocean Within*. Minneapolis, MN: Milkweed Editions, 1991. (Elizabeth is adopted in this first book.) Gr 4-7.
- Caldwell, V. M. *Tides*. Minneapolis, MN: Milkweed Editions, 2001. (In this sequel, she has been in the family one year.) Gr 4-7.
- Hicks, Betty. *Get Real*. New Milford, CT: Roaring Brook Press, 2006. (About wanting a parent who is very different from the one you have. Goes into the complexities of adopted children's emotions.) Gr 7-9.
- Johnson, Angela. *Heaven*. NY: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998. (Marley thinks her life in Heaven, Ohio is safe and secure until she finds out she was adopted by her aunt and uncle and her uncle is really her father.) Gr 7-9.

## Disabilities---Books

- Lucado, Max. *The Crippled Lamb*. Dallas: Word, 1994. (The crippled lamb has to stay behind, but is able to warm the Christ Child.) Gr PK-6.
- Brown, Marc. *Arthur's Eyes*.
- Burkart, Jeffery. *Down Through the Roof*. Arch Book. (The miracle of Jesus making the paralyzed man to walk.) Gr K-2.
- London, Sarah. *The Good Luck Glasses*. Hello Reader, Level 3.
- Larson, Elsie. *Bombus, the Bumblebee*. Green Forest, AR: Master Books, 1997. (God made each of us unique. A disability need not limit potential.) Gr K-4.
- Tada, Joni. *When God Weeps*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000. (Picture book about suffering.) Gr 1-2.
- Cowley, Joy. *Agapanthus Hum and the Eyeglasses*. NY: Philomel Books, 1999. (A. has trouble keeping her glasses on due to her constant activity.) Gr K-2.
- Shriver, Maria. *What's Wrong with Timmy?* Boston: Little, Brown, 2001. (While Timmy is disabled, There is nothing wrong with him at all.) Gr K-3.
- Dolan, Sean. *Helen Keller*. NY: Children's Press, 2005. Biography for Gr 1-2.
- Dubois, Muriel L. *Helen Keller*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 2003. Biography for Gr 4-6.
- Lawler, Laurie. *Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit*. NY: Holiday House, 2001. Biography for Gr 7-9.

## Value of Age/End of Life---Books

- Marxhausen, Joanne. *Heaven is a Wonderful Place*. St. Louis: CPH, 2004. Gr PK-2.
- Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*. NY: Puffin, 1985. (Picture book---end of life/wisdom of aged) Gr PK-2.
- Munsch, Robert. *Love You Forever*. Ontario, Canada: Firefly Books Ltd, 1987. (A love for all stages of life.) Gr PK-2.
- Taylor, Theodore. *The Cay*. NY: Dell Yearling, 2002. (Boy blinded by blow to the head and old black man stranded on deserted island---value of age.) Gr 7-8.
- Shriver, Maria. *What's Happening to Grandpa?* Boston: Little, Brown/Warner Books, 2004. (Grandpa has Alzheimer's disease.) Gr K-3.
- Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*. NY: Farrer, Straus, and Giroux, 1985. (Granted eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck finds living forever at one age less a blessing than it might seem.) Gr 4-6.
- Paul, Donita. *Dragonspell*. Colorado Springs, CO: Waterbrook Press, 2004. Gr 6-8. (A fantasy adventure showing old Granny Noon to be wise and important to the kingdom.)

# Holocaust---Books

- Frank, Ann. *Diary of Ann Frank*. NY: Doubleday, 2003. Gr 4-8.
- Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1989. (A ten year old girl goes on a dangerous mission to save her best friend in Nazi-occupied Denmark.) Gr 4-8.
- Spinelli, Jerry. *Milkweed*. NY: (A story of the heartbreak, hope and survival of an orphan in Nazi-occupied Denmark.) Gr 4-8.
- Auerbach, John. *The Owl and Other Stories*. (True story of being a child in the Warsaw ghetto of WW II. Gr 7-9.
- Klein, Gerda Weissman. *All But My Life*. NY: Hill and Wang, 1995. (True story of Gerda's six year ordeal as a victim of the Nazis, stripped of "all but my life.") Gr 7-9.

# Medical Ethics---Books

- Banks, Lynne Reid. *Indian in the Cupboard*. NY: Harper Collins, 1980. (Does larger size give right to control smaller?) Gr 4-6.
- Lowrey, Lois. *The Giver*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin/Walter Lorraine Books, 1993. (What life decided by humans could look like.) Gr 7-9.
- Yolen, Jane. *The Devil's Arithmetic*. NY: Puffin Books, 1990. (Leads to discussion about danger of regarding any human life as sub-human.) Gr 7-9.
- Shusterman, Neal. *The Dark Side of Nowhere*. NY: Starscape Books, 2002. (An alien with superior abilities will eventually be called upon to overtake the planet's "lesser human species." Gr 7-9.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Double Identity*. NY: Simon and Schusters Books, 2005. (Girl eventually finds out that she was cloned from her dead sister,) Gr 7-9.
- Trueman, Terry. *Stuck in Neutral*. NY: Harper Collins Publishing, 2000. (This book does not have a Christian world view, but could lead to discussion on "right to die." Mature 8<sup>th</sup> grader.
- Huxley, Aldous. *Brave New World*. NY: Harper Collins, 1998. (Government makes all major decisions.) Gr 7-9.

# Movies

- How Babies Grow*. Cincinnati, OH: Hayes Publishing Co, 1992. VHS (A simple and beautiful telling Of how the baby grows inside the mother.) All ages.
- God Knew Your Name*. St. Louis, Grandpa Jim Publishing, 1998. VHS. (Song with pictures.) All ages.
- LIFE: It's a "CLASS" Project: What if God taught biology?* St. Louis, The President's Commission on The Sanctity of Life, LCMS, 1998. VHS with discussion guide. (Deals with abortion, euthanasia and casual sex.) Gr 7-12.
- Stem Cell Research and Cloning 101: A Primer*. Nevada, IA: Lutherans For Life (Dr. James Lamb). DVD. Gr 7-adult.
- You Are a Masterpiece*. DVD from LFL. (The amazing world of life before birth.) Gr K-8.

# Music

- Just Imagine...what will this baby be?* Nevada, IA: Lutherans For Life, 2002. CD. Three songs with accompaniment tracks for two.

Before I Knew Your Name from Butterfly Kisses and Bedtime Prayers. CD by Bob Carlisle. Benson Records, 1987.

God is Great from God is Great! Volume 1: Music Collection For Children. CD by Arison Records, 2008.

You Knit Me Together from Hide 'em in Your Heart. CD by Steve Green. Sparrow Corporation, 1992.

Jesus Loves You, Little One by Pepper Chopin. SATB with optional unison children's choir or congregation and instruments. Dayton, OH: The Lorenz Corporation. (sheet music)

Various songs about creation in general and people specifically, growing, body parts (Two Little Eyes, for example), being chosen, being special, Jesus loving children, etc. from these song books:

Little Ones Sing Praise

Little Children, Sing to God!

Lift Little Voices

All God's People Sing

Lutheran Service Book

Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony was composed when he was nearly totally deaf.

## Miscellaneous

God Created All of Me Coloring Book by Ruth Koenig. Order from LFL.

Watch Me Grow posters---document the growth stages of a baby for nine months in the womb.

Order from LFL as a composite or separate posters. Brochures can also be ordered.

11-12 week old fetal model, with information card can be ordered from LFL.

Constitution, 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment states that "no one can take the life of another without due process."

Show Braille writing.

Invite someone in to sign for the class, perhaps one of those songs you have learned promoting life.

Bring in a wheel chair, crutches, a cane for the children to try. Fun for a little while, but always?

Poem by Robert Browning: "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be."

Loom or knitting needles---relating to how God knit you together.

## Web Sites

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) National Lutherans For Life

[www.lfiofmo.org](http://www.lfiofmo.org) LFL of MO

[www.str.org](http://www.str.org) Stand to Reason (Logical arguments)

[www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org) Answers in Genesis (creation)

[www.discovercreation.org](http://www.discovercreation.org) (for list of children's books on creation published by Alpha Omega Inst)

[www.kids4truth.com/creation.html](http://www.kids4truth.com/creation.html)

[www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org) Joni Erickson Tada (disabled)

[www.stemcellresearch.org](http://www.stemcellresearch.org) (specifically adult stem cell research)

[www.abortionfacts.com](http://www.abortionfacts.com) Info from Heritage House

[www.prolifeinfo.org](http://www.prolifeinfo.org) (general prolife information)

[www.gravityteen.com/prenatal/sonograms.cfm](http://www.gravityteen.com/prenatal/sonograms.cfm) (sonograms of fetal development)

[www.standupgirl.com/site/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=1](http://www.standupgirl.com/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=1)

(3 and 4D pictures of fetal development, beginning at 5 weeks)

[www.gehealthcare.com/usen/patient/ultrasound/obtimeline\\_new.html](http://www.gehealthcare.com/usen/patient/ultrasound/obtimeline_new.html) (Click on a week in pregnancy and see a 4D ultrasound image and learn important developments for that week.)